



Proclamation *Presented*

In Recognition of Christian Heritage Week in Hawaiʻi

WHEREAS, Christian Heritage Week in Hawaiʻi is a seven-day observance, from February 16 to 22, 2014, set aside by the Hawaiʻi Association of Evangelicals for activities and events to educate the public about the Christian history of the State of Hawaiʻi; and

WHEREAS, Christian Heritage Week in Hawaiʻi reminds us of the motto of the State of Hawaiʻi is *Ua Mau ke Ea o ka ʻĀina i ka Pono*, "the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness," which was first uttered by Queen Keōpūolani as she was baptized a Christian before her death in 1825 and again reiterated by King Kamehameha III, Kāiulani, as he gave thanks at Kawaihaʻo Church for the return of his kingdom in 1843; and

WHEREAS, Christian Heritage Week in Hawaiʻi remembers the legacy of Henry ʻŌpūkahaʻia, Hawaiʻi's first Christian, whose dedication to his beliefs and love for the Hawaiian people inspired the first American Board mission in Hawaiʻi in 1820; and in 1993, 175 years after his death in Connecticut, the remains of Henry ʻŌpūkahaʻia were returned to Hawaiʻi and reinterred at Kahikolu Church in Napoʻopoʻo, Kona, Hawaiʻi; and

WHEREAS, Christian Heritage Week in Hawaiʻi acknowledges the Islands' Christian heritage, evidenced by the Preamble of the Constitution of the State of Hawaiʻi which states, "We, the people of Hawaiʻi, Grateful for Divine Guidance..." and for many citizens, the Christian faith continues to be a guiding force;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the **State of Hawaiʻi**, do hereby proclaim February 16-22, 2014, as

"CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK IN HAWAII"

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing its observance.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawaiʻi, this eleventh day of February 2014.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaiʻi

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawaiʻi